(*c*) if so, how many of those resolutions were acted upon by the Government;

(*d*) whether any resolutions making any constructive suggestions have been made by the above Committee;

(*e*) how many resolutions protesting against the attitude of the Government and the Food Supplies Department towards the resolutions of the above Committee have been passed and sent up by the last Food Advisory Committee of Talappalli Taluk?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 86 resolutions were passed by Food Advisory Committee.

(*b*) Yes. Some of the suggestions contained in the resolutions have been acted upon by Government.

(*c*) In the case of 26 resolutions action has been taken by the Government in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 6 resolutions.

SCARCITY OF CATTLE FODDER

713. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Director of Food Supplies has received petitions complaining the scarcity of cattle fodder like bran, Bengal gram, cotton seeds, etc., from Kunnamkulam in the year 1120 and 1121;

(*b*) whether any telegram has been received by the Government on the same matter from Kunnamkulam;

(*c*) if so, when were these petitions and telegrams received;

(*d*) whether the Government have any reply to any of these petitions or telegrams received;

(*e*) is not the scarcity of cattle fodder still acute as it was at the time of the complaint;

(*f*) whether bran is available for sale at the depots and Fair Price Shops?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) One petition was received in 1120. None in 1121.

(*b*) The Director of Food Supplies has received one telegram regarding the scarcity of bran from President, Kunnamkulam Panchayat.

(*c*) The petition on 20th April 1945 (8th Medam 1120) and the telegram 19th April 1945 (7th Medam 1120).

(*d*) Yes. The President, Kunnamkulam Panchayat was informed that measures were taken to make bran available in the locality.

(*e*) Scarcity is still reported though the degree of it varies frequently.

(*f*) No. But its distribution from the Rice Mills in the State has been arranged at the price fixed by the Department.

CENTRAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

714. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by Government urging the necessity to include prominent merchants of the State in the Central Food Advisory Council;

(*b*) what was the reply given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The reply given was that Government do not find their way to accept the suggestion.

ARECANUT GROWERS—RESTRICTIONS ON

715. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether our Government is imposing more restrictions on arecanut growers and traders under Proclamation II of 1120, than those imposed in British India under the British Indian Act;

(*b*) whether the "Sale Note" form now in vogue under Proclamation II of 1120 requires the signature of Central Excise Sub-Inspector;

(*c*) whether the above conditions is very rigorously adhered to in the Kunnamkulam Range, while it is not observed in the other ranges;

(*d*) whether the sale notes in Trichur Range are signed by Petty Officers;

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